Minutes Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee Meeting June 22, 2015

Members Present

Senator Fletcher Hartsell, Chair Senator Ben Clark Senator Rick Gunn Senator Ralph Hise Senator Shirley Randleman Representative Craig Horn, Chair Representative Ted Davis Representative Jean Farmer-Butterfield Representative Pat Hurley Representative Marvin Lucas Representative Rena Turner

Call to Order

Representative Craig Horn, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Senator Ben Clark moved to approve the May 18, 2015 Minutes. Motion carried.

Representative Horn recognized John Turcotte, Director of PED, who reported that Dr. Meg Kunde has accepted a faculty position at Augustana College in Illinois. For the past two years, Dr. Kunde has been an American Council of Learned Societies fellow for the Program Evaluation Division.

Presentations and Comments

Representative Horn recognized Sean Hamel, Senior Program Evaluator, to present the PED report, North Carolina Should Dispose of Unneeded Real Property and Improve Portfolio Management to Reduce Costs.

Representative Horn recognized Bill Daughtridge, Secretary of the Department of Administration, to respond to the report and answer questions from members. John Webb, Manager, Leasing and Space Planning within the State Property Office, addressed questions from members on outsourcing of leasing transactions.

Representative Horn recognized Karen A. Brown, Director of Correction Enterprises for the Department of Public Safety, for a response to the PED recommendation to dispose of the US Highway 70 site. She stated that Correction Enterprises is a receipt-based organization that does not receive general revenue. Ms. Brown stated that consolidation of business functions from the US Highway 70 site into other state-owned locations as PED recommended could be costly and that Correction Enterprises does not have sufficient revenue available for relocation.

Representative Horn announced that the Chairs will appoint a subcommittee to review the PED report North Carolina Should Dispose of Unneeded Real Property and Improve Portfolio Management to Reduce Costs; review the issue of excess property; receive input from legislators, the Department of Administration, agencies and universities; and propose draft legislation necessary for final consideration for approval by the joint committee. Chairs appointed Senator Rick Gunn as Chair and members Senator Randleman, Senator Clark, Representative Carney, Representative Davis, and Representative Turner.

Senator Hise moved to accept the report and to refer to it to the Gunn-led subcommittee.

Representative Horn recognized Pam Taylor, Principal Program Evaluator, for an overview of PED projects.

Adjournment

Representative Horn announced that the next meeting would be Monday, July 27 at 3:00PM. PED will present a report on the status of the Retiree Health Benefit Fund.

With no further business, the committee adjourned.

Senate Chair, Senator Fletcher Hartsell

House Chair, Representative Craig Horn